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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] SA/DCI

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. I'd like to get [REDACTED] involved in reviewing the seminal work that we have done this year in NIE 11-3/8. As you know, I think we have made some substantial progress here. I am now concerned with two things:

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a. That I not become overly enamored of this work and try to sell it for more than it is worth. There's no one I know better than [REDACTED] to deflate me when I'm running off halfcocked!

b. I'm most interested in vigorously continuing this work. Specifically, I'm looking for sensitivity checks to tell where changes in various assumptions such as CEP might markedly alter the results; and how the Soviets might look at and develop such charts if they were working the problem.

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2. Would you ask [REDACTED] when he is next in town to get together with you and Howie Stoertz to see if he could take an outside objective look at the work and give us suggestions on how to improve what we have done and how best to proceed from here to make it even more useful.

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3. Beyond that, I would also like to ask you to have him talk to [REDACTED]. In my presentations to the Congress last week, I followed the presentation on NIE 11-3/8 with one on the balance of conventional/tactical nuclear forces in Central Europe. The contrast between the meat in the strategic analysis and the pabulum in the conventional one was very apparent. Clearly, strategic warfare is much more amenable to precise calculation. Still, I would hope that

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we could find a way to analyze the comparative ground and tactical air strength in Central Europe that would be more analogous to what we've done with the inter-continental strategic forces. I'd appreciate [redacted] fertile imagination being applied to this one also.

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